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1. GOR NOW GIVES ALL U.S. OFFICIAL/DIPLOMATIC TRAVELERS WHETHER ASSIGNED HERE OR ON TDY ONE ENTRY VISAS VALID FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY. ONCE IN COUNTRY, MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS VALID FOR ONE YEAR ARE OBTAINED FROM MFA, USUALLY WITHIN 3-4 DAYS. WE KNOW OF NO INSTANCES WHERE MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS HAVE BEEN ISSUED ON APPLICATION OUTSIDE COUNTRY. ABOVE SYSTEM ALSO APPLICABLE TO U.K., CANADA, AND ITALY. GERMAN EMBASSY OFFICERS RECEIVE MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS VALID FOR 3 YEARS FROM ROMANIAN EMBASSY, BONN, DUE TO SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT REACHED BETWEEN THESE TWO GOVERNMENTS IN 1973.

2. ONE-ENTRY VISA DOES NOT GENERALLY CREATE GREAT PROBLEM FOR USG PERSONNEL ASSIGNED HERE. PRIME SOURCE OF DIFFICULTY IS SLOWNESS OF ROMANIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON, IN ISSUANCE OF VISAS--6 OR 7 WEEKS BEING NOT UNCOMMON WAITING PERIOD. (PARENTHETICALLY, THIS EMBASSY ISSUES A, C-3 AND G VISAS TO ROMANIANS IN A MAXIMUM OF 4 WORKING DAYS). THEREFORE, EMBASSY WOULD RECOMMEND THAT ANY APPROACH TO GOR
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INCLUDE SPECIFIED TIME PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE OF VISA.

3. IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS, EMBASSY WOULD PROPOSE APPROACHING MFA FOR ISSUANCE OF FOLLOWING TYPES OF OFFICIAL/DIPLOMATIC VISAS WITHIN 5-DAY WORKING PERIOD FOR DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS (7-DAY WORKING

PERIOD FOR OFFICIAL PASSPORTS) ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS
AND ALWAYS ASSUMING APPLICATIONS FORMS ARE COMPLETE:
A-1(EXCLUDING DIPLOMATIC COURIERS) MULTIPLE 12 MOS.

	ENTRIES
A-2	" 6 "
A-3	" 12 "
C-3	" 12 "
G-1, G-2, G-4, G-5,	" 12 MOS.

4. FYI: ON FEBRUARY 28, 1975, THE EMBASSY SENT
FOLLOWING NOTE TO MFA. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE IT IS
ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS PRESENT PROPOSAL BUT MAKES
NO MENTION OF A SPECIFIC ISSUANCE PERIOD. RELEVANT
PORTIONS GK TEXT ARE AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS INFORMED THE
EMBASSY THAT, ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY, IT MAY
ISSUE ON REQUEST VISAS VALID FOR MULTIPLE APPLI-
CATIONS FOR ENTRY DURING A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS TO
(1) THE AMBASSADOR OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
ROMANIA IN WASHINGTON, DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR
MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF, AND MEMBERS OF THEIR IMMEDIATE
FAMILIES; (2) THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, MEMBERS
OF HIS STAFF, AND MEMBERS OF THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES;
AND (3) STAFF MEMBERS OF THE ROMANIAN COMMERCIAL
OFFICES IN CHICAGO, SAN FRANCISCO, AND NEW YORK,
OF THE ROMANIAN LIBRARY IN NEW YORK, AND OF THE
ROMANIAN OFFICE OF TOURISM IN NEW YORK, AND MEMBERS
OF THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES.

REQUESTS FOR VISAS FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES WILL
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BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

THE VALIDITY OF A UNITED STATES VISA REFLECTS
THE PERIOD DURING WHICH THE BEARER MAY USE IT IN
APPLYING FOR ADMISSION INTO THE UNITED STATES AND
HAS NO RELATION TO THE LENGTH OF TIME HE MAY BE
AUTHORIZED TO STAY. IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION
SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REGULATES THE
PERIOD PERSONS MAY REMAIN IN THE UNITED STATES.
UNITED STATES VISAS ARE ISSUED ACCORDING TO
THE APPLICANT'S PRINCIPAL PURPOSE FOR ENTERING THE
UNITED STATES. THERE IS ENCLOSED A COPY OF THE
PROPOSED SCHEDULE THAT LISTS THE CATEGORIES OF
VISAS THAT MAY BE ISSUED TO ELIGIBLE CITIZENS
OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA. UNQUOTE.
WE HAVE NOT HAD A REPLY TO THAT NOTE.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.
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